

NEWSLETTER

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Publications

- **SPIAC-B Working Group on Linking Humanitarian Assistance and Social Protection | December 2023 | Common Principles for Linking Humanitarian Assistance and Social Protection** proposes nine Principles to inform actions for more effective progress in linking HA-SP to provide better services to affected people.
- **USP 2030 Working Group Social Protection and Climate Change | December 2023 | Joint Statement - Directing International Climate Finance to Social Protection** argues that directing climate finance to social protection is a strategic investment in achieving climate-resilient and low-carbon development that leaves no one behind.
- **BASIC | December 2023 | Targeting in Protracted Crises: Niger Case Study**. This paper is one of three country case studies covering Ethiopia, Niger, and Nigeria, showing how the challenge of targeting might be approached in situations of protracted crises based on actual historical examples.
- **Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability | December 2023 | Just transitions and resilience in contexts of conflict and fragility: the need for a transformative approach** critically reviews literature on just transition and environmental peacebuilding for more informed analysis and action.
- **UNICEF | December 2023 | Loss and Damage Finance for Children** identifies opportunities for the UN Loss and Damage Fund to address the negative impacts of climate change on present and future generations of children.
- **CALP | November 2023 | The State of the World's Cash 2023** represents an assessment of Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) as part of humanitarian aid. Chapter 6 focusses on Linkages with Social Protection, showing that linkages have improved but also that a 'one-size fits all' approach does not work.
- **STAAR | November 2023 | Collective outcomes for managing covariate risks** sets out an explanation of a slightly revised version of a visual demonstrating how we can jointly maximise our contribution to addressing covariate risks. It introduces a typology for the paths by which the system may better cover needs.
- **CALP Network | November 2023 | Rapid Reflection on the Scale up of Cash Coordination- Türkiye/ Syria Earthquakes** looks at how cash coordination structures scaled up at the onset of the Türkiye/ Syria Earthquakes in February 2023. The short reports look at implications and good practices implemented by cash working groups.
- **DFAT | November 2023 | Rethinking Social Protection and Climate Change - Implications of climate change for social protection policy and programming in the Asia-Pacific region** aims to support a shift in vision around social protection and climate change in the Asia-Pacific region by improving understanding of the socio-economic challenges likely to arise from climate change in the medium to long term, and how social protection can be used to manage them.
- **STAAR | October 2023 | Gender-transformative social protection in crisis contexts: guidance note** aims to advance the international discourse and provide actionable insights to practitioners on how to best integrate gender considerations in social protection policies and programming in crisis contexts.
- **BASIC | October 2023 | A Literature Review on Social Assistance and Capacity in Yemen** summarises the key literature and evidence on the capacities of national and international actors involved in providing social assistance in Yemen.
- **Humanitarian Outcomes | September 2023 | Somali capacities to respond to crisis are changing; how are humanitarian actors responding?** focuses on the resilience capacities of the country's citizens and systems, and how the humanitarian system has engaged with these.
- **FAO | September 2023 | Social protection and anticipatory action to protect agricultural livelihoods** discusses the conceptual and practical linkages between social protection and anticipatory action and presents the challenges, opportunities and operational entry points to link them, including through the analysis of case studies from Dominica, Guatemala, Nepal, and the Philippines.

Events

- **Global Refugee Forum** | 13-15 December 2023 | Pledges, speeches and statements from the Forum are now available (videos from the parallel high-level events and Speakers' Corner will be available soon).
- **Webinar: The role of social protection in alleviating the adverse impacts of Climate Change Mitigation policies and achieving a Just Transition** | CCSP, KfW & SP.org | 11 January 2024

Blogs

- **SPIAC-B Working Group on Linking Humanitarian Assistance and Social Protection & SP.org | November 2023 | Annual Workshop of the SPIAC-B Working Group on Linking Humanitarian Assistance and Social Protection** summarizes the key discussions and presentations during the group's 5-day workshop in November in Nairobi.
- **Development Initiatives | October 2023 | How can AI be used to improve predictions of humanitarian need?** projects the possible impacts of different climate change scenarios on humanitarian need using machine learning.
- **STAAR | October 2023 | How can we better support women and girls during crises? Realising the potential of gender-transformative social protection** reflects on the key takeaways from the Global Forum in June 2023 on Adaptive Social Protection.

Courses

- **CALP | e-course (self paced) | Linking Humanitarian CVA with Social Protection** aims to promote informed and on-going dialogue between humanitarian and social protection stakeholders on the ways forward for linking humanitarian CVA and social protection in given regional/country contexts (also available in [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Arabic](#)).

Podcasts

- **SP.org | November 2023 | Children On The Move** discusses how some countries are taking steps towards extending social protection to displaced children and their families, while slowly building systems for host populations.

Call for Papers

- **T20 BRASIL | Call For Policy Brief Abstracts: Let's Rethink The World | Deadline for submission of abstracts: 29 January 2024** | T20 is calling upon think tanks and research centres around the world to develop joint proposals for policy briefs. These should put forward clear policy proposals to support G20 in addressing global challenges. Topics include 'Expanding Access to Social Protection and Basic Services' and 'The Role of Non-State Actors, NGOs, and Subnational Units in Multilateral Governance', among others.

About

Sources: socialprotection.org, Weekly Social Protection Links by Ugo Gentilini, CALP Updates, STAAR Evidence Digests as well as open web and individual contributions.

Please email cbilo@unicef.org for feedback and contributions.

You can also join the CaLP d groups, and/or the SP.org Online Community for Social Protection in Crisis Contexts where many discussions are taking place.

HOW TO JOIN THE ONLINE COMMUNITY ON 'SOCIAL PROTECTION IN CRISIS CONTEXTS'

1. Log in to your socialprotection.org account or register if you are not already a member by clicking [here](#).
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This newsletter is an initiative of the SPIAC-B Working Group on Linking Humanitarian (Cash) Assistance and Social Protection. It is an inclusive space consisting of humanitarian and development actors from a wide range of agencies and is co-led by IFRC, UNICEF and FCDO.

